



## Roberta Mae Lynn

June 7, 1934 - May 19, 2026

Roberta Mae Lynn, nee Follis, lovingly known as Bert, passed away peacefully on May 19, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. She was 91.

Roberta was born to Robert C. and Myrtle M. Follis and was part of a family with deep roots in Central Illinois, including Lincoln, Middletown, Elkhart, and Mason City. She grew up with the values that would shape the rest of her life – faith, family, hard work, kindness, learning and care for others.

As a young woman, Roberta began dating Dean Lynn while he was a student at Mason City High School. Their love story continued through his military service during the Korean War, and after he returned home, they were married. Together, Roberta and Dean built a life that would span more than 72 years of marriage – a life filled with devotion, family, resilience and the quiet beauty of ordinary days shared together.

Roberta spent many years teaching children and encouraging curiosity, confidence and a love of learning.

Those who knew Roberta knew she had a generous heart, a wise spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. Her students may remember her famous red shoes – the ones she wore when she meant business. Her family, of course, knew the secret: she just really liked red shoes.

Roberta was many things to many people. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, teacher and Girl Scout. She was thoughtful, kind, curious, faithful and full of love. She was also, as her family would lovingly say, a clean freak. Near the end of her life, Roberta said she was thankful she didn't just have great-grandbabies – she had great-grandchildren. She hoped they would always stay rambunctious and curious about the world around them. That was Roberta. She wanted people to laugh. She wanted them to learn. She wanted them to ask questions, find the blessings, see the good in people and notice the beauty all around.

Roberta faced the end of her life with peace and faith. She said she had lived a good life, and she wanted her family to do the same. Her family takes comfort in knowing she knew where she was going and that, because of her faith in Christ, they will see her again.

Roberta is survived by husband Dean Lynn; her daughter Tammy (Greg) Holmes; her grandchildren Shaunda Holmes and Brittany (Greg) Neunuebel; her great-grandchildren, Johnathon Limbacher, Ryan Bethea, Edith and Ethan Neunuebel; her brother, Duane Follis; and many extended family members and friends who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert C. and Myrtle M. Follis.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 5-7pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10am at the funeral home, with burial to follow at Mason City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Special Olympics or St. Jude.

Roberta's family asks that those who loved her honor her by doing something wonderful in her name: laugh with someone, take the trip, ask the question, tell the story, look for the beauty – and live a good life, just like she wanted.

Her final words to her granddaughter were simple and full of love: "I love you and take care."

# Cemetery Details

## Mason City Cemetery

N pierce St  
Mason City, IL 62664

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City  
603 East Chestnut  
Mason City, IL 62664  
(217) 482-5959  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City  
603 East Chestnut  
Mason City, IL 62664  
(217) 482-5959  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Tom & MaryJo Neunuebel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roberta Mae Lynn.



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Love, Tom & MaryJo Neunuebel - May 22 at 11:47 AM

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“ Love, Tom & MaryJo Neunuebel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberta Mae Lynn.

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Love, Tom & MaryJo Neunuebel - May 22 at 11:47 AM

BS

“ Sorry to hear about Bert she was a sweet, kind and generous lady in our thoughts and prayers Billy and Beverly Stafford.



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Beverly Stafford - May 22 at 10:33 AM

PZ

“ I have so many memories with my cousin it is hard to pick. Roberta would fix her famous grasshoppers on Christmas evening whether "leaded" or "unleaded" for the kids. It has been a tradition forever and so good. Another special memory is being able to stay with her and Dean on Christmas night over several years after celebrating with the family. We would sit at the table and share stories and laugh. When my mother passed many years ago, I called Bert in the middle of the night shortly after getting home from the hospital to give her the news. She and Dean didn't hesitate. I didn't ask them to come to the house. Even so, they showed up in the middle of the night to be with me. Your smile and laughter will be sorely missed. Till we meet again. All my love, Pam



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**Pam Zorens** - May 21 at 03:06 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Roberta Mae Lynn



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - May 21 at 09:19 AM